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MINUTES OF THE DIRECTOR'S DEPUTIES MEETING

Monday, 9 March 1959

Present:

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Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of the meeting), Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, General Truscott, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent and [redacted].

MR. DULLES

A. Referred to a German language pamphlet outlining the biographic background, history and connections of Ulbricht and stated that he thought the translation and distribution of this paper should be handled on an urgent basis. Mr. Helms stated that he was sure the paper had now been translated and was being distributed to all stations but he would check the status of it.

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President was interested in a report concerning the real feelings of the citizens of West Berlin on making Berlin a free city. Mr. Sheldon undertook to see what information he could get together on this for the DCI to pass to the President.

C. Observed that obviously someone must have talked to Scotty Reston about the meeting at the White House late Friday afternoon at which the DCI gave a briefing on the Berlin situation. Mr. Reston's column in the New York Times on Sunday gave very complete and accurate coverage to this particular conference. He noted that fortunately the information was not too highly classified and as nearly as he could judge the President was not too upset about the leak.

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Mr. Dulles (Contd)

25X1 E. Reported that in a conversation he had had a day or two previously with [redacted], the suggestion came up of our making available to certain knowledgeable newsmen copies of the OCI Weekly Digest, presumably with certain very sensitive items deleted. He stated that he was still thinking about this but may take the matter up with the White House and State Department.

25X1 F. Noted a cable from [redacted] disclosing certain difficulties between the Ambassador and our Chief of Station with reference to support to the [redacted]. After some discussion it was agreed that nothing much could be done except to let the Chief of Station and the Ambassador resolve the problem themselves since it boiled down to a personal dislike by the Ambassador of the [redacted] group.

25X1 G. Said that in a recent conversation Lewis Strauss had mentioned to him that he thought we should have a representative on a Department of Commerce committee which passes upon shipments of various types of equipment and goods to satellite countries. By way of illustration he referred to a recent instance in which quite by chance he had stopped shipment of patents on a new computing device which was destined for Czechoslovakia. Mr. Amory replied that he thought Otho Guthe sat on this committee but that he would check on the matter and see that we are properly represented.

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MR. KIRKPATRICK

A. Referred to the various memoranda which he had received in response to the DCI's request for suggestions for means of improving his monthly senior staff meeting. Mr. Kirkpatrick then proposed that the DCI give a brief outline of whatever principal crisis existed as of the time of the meeting and what steps were being taken in conjunction therewith. He suggested that Mr. Amory give a rundown on various other crises areas of less importance but where future difficulties may be expected. He thought that in the next meeting the DD/P could discuss its recent re-organization and at future meetings it might have other items which could be discussed at the senior staff meeting. He suggested that the DD/C could describe the latest activities and give the current status of inter-Agency coordination problems and the latest activities concerning NSCIDs. He pointed out that the DD/S for the next couple of years will always be able to give a status report on our new building and will also from time to time have other items of general interest. It was agreed by those present that this would be a good procedure and it should be followed in the

MR. KIRKPATRICK (Contd)

senior staff meeting to be held directly at the close of the Deputies meeting.

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MR. HELMS

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MR. KENT

A. Reported on a meeting he had with [redacted] in the DCI's conference room on Friday, 6 March, at the DCI's request in his absence. Mr. Amory requested that Mr. Kent write a note [redacted] outlining the results of this briefing session with [redacted] since [redacted] is a good contact [redacted]

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